

I know that Delegate Bradshaw is a very able man, served with him in the legislature. My next question to him is this: Could he give this broken down to me before we vote on this thing—we are not going to vote on it tonight—so I can see how he arrives at this? I want to write this thing in the record, how much it will cost.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw, Delegate Malkus asks whether it will be possible for you to obtain for him a breakdown of the figure of \$250,000 to show how much of it would be attributable to increase where necessary, the salary of superior court judges to the annual salary of \$30,000. Would that be possible?

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Mr. Chairman, I doubt that that would be possible. I have a tremendous amount of raw data here which has not been collated, and I would have to have the assistance of some statistician, or perhaps Dr. Cooper himself.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair will assign somebody to Delegate Bradshaw in an effort to get the information.

Do you have another question, Delegate Malkus?

DELEGATE MALKUS: I certainly do, Mr. President. As I understand it, then, I will have a complete breakdown as to how this is going to cost the State of Maryland only \$250,000 to put these first eleven sections into effect with a uniformity of salary.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is not what I said. I said we would get for you the information as to how Dr. Cooper arrived at his figure of \$250,000; how much of it is attributable to the necessity of increasing superior court judges' salary to \$30,000.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Now, Mr. President—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I ask you the question, or anybody else the question, how much is it going to cost overall; and I would like to have that broken down.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw.

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: That is a more monumental undertaking than the first question, and I would have to appeal to the Chair for some substantial assistance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, can we get that before the vote on this?

THE CHAIRMAN: I have no idea whether you can or not. I would be glad to have Delegate Bradshaw ask Dr. Cooper, or be glad to have Dr. Cooper talk to you. If the information is available, it will be made available to you.

Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I would also like to have some consideration to having this projected, because at the present rate of increase in judges—that if we are going to judge the future by viewing the past, it will not be long before there will be more superior court judges in Maryland than there will be members of the General Assembly.

That is something I think, Mr. President, that this great body should take into consideration, overall cost.

I know it is easy to say \$250,000.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is a question period, Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: All right, sir.

I guess Mr. President, I voted for this "gag" rule not knowing what I was voting for, but you told me—I believe anything you tell me—that you would let me talk as much as I wanted to.

(Laughter.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Not quite.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I think you will, Mr. President. You are a great man.

Now, I would like to talk to the Chairman and direct a question to him. I refer you, Mr. Chairman, to section 5.08. There shall be at least one superior court judge resident in each county. If I understand 6.10, it is very possible that there will not be a district court judge in each county. Am I right so far in my statement?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, sir; except the later decision is up to the legislature, not this Committee or the Constitutional Convention.

DELEGATE MALKUS: That is all we are talking about now, the Constitution—Is it not true, Mr. Chairman that my statement is correct?

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Why is it more important to have a circuit court judge, as we know him, in every county, and not a people's court judge or a trial magistrate